

Remarks

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004. Claims 1-39 are currently pending. Claims 24-25 and 29-30 have been amended. New dependent claim 39 has been added. Examination and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Figures 1 and 2A were objected to. Applicant has amended Figs. 1 and 2A to insert the terms "Prior Art" as requested by the Examiner. Replacement sheets have been submitted.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claim 25 as originally filed. However, to expedite prosecution, applicant has amended claim 25 to recite in part ". . . the tag material is adapted to be detected in the vapor phase." Applicant respectfully submits that claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-30 are in compliance with section 112.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Flynn et al. (US 5,663,127) in view of Feliss et al. (US 6,678,113). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant has amended claim 24. Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute claim 24 as originally filed. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's citation to the art does not describe or suggest a "volatile lubricant composition for disk drive systems comprising a volatile perfluoropolyether material and a volatile halogenated sulfur material" as recited in claim 24, as amended. For at least the above reason, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 24 should be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-23 and 31-38 are allowed.

Claims 29-30 have been amended to address informalities. It is believed that the scope of these claims has not been narrowed. Claim 29 was amended to insert the term "and" and insert a period in line 3. Claim 30 was amended to delete the term "a" in line 3.

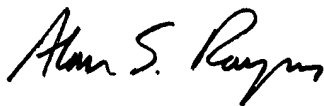
New claim 39, dependent from claim 25, has been added. Support for claim 39 may be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. It is believed that no new subject matter has been added. Examination of claim 39 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action included various comments concerning the art and the non-patentability of certain claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's non-patentability conclusions. The discussion above has directly addressed some of the Examiner's

comments and any of the Examiner's comments not specifically discussed above are deemed moot at this time in view of this response.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss the steps necessary to place the application into condition for allowance

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